



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Aiken High School  
Aiken  
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,543  
Principal: G. Bryan Skipper  
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt  
Board Chair: Ms. Rosemary B. English

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2011	Excellent	Average	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
18	5	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	83.2%	85.5%	85.3%	85.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.4%	8.0%	9.2%	9.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.4%	6.4%	6.1%	5.5%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	97.6%	94.1%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	384	387
Number of Diplomas	288	308
Rate (%)	75.0%	79.6%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	85.6	81.2
English 1	79.9	71.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	77.0	82.1
US History and the Constitution	53.9	59.7
All Tests	72.5	74.6

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING - GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH - GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,543)</b>				
Retention rate	2.2%	No Change	2.2%	3.0%
Attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 97.0%	96.1%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.1%	Up from 1.3%	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	30.1%	Down from 30.8%	24.3%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	59.2%	Down from 63.6%	57.6%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.2%	Down from 52.2%	30.6%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	2.3%	Down from 2.7%	2.3%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.1%	Up from 8.1%	1.6%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	741	Up from 707	744	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	80.0%	Down from 86.4%	84.7%	84.0%
<b>Teachers (n=77)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.4%	Up from 69.6%	66.7%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Up from 88.4%	89.6%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	N/R	N/R	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,269	Up 2.6%	\$48,326	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.7%	Up from 0.0%	3.7%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	8.9 days	Down from 15.7 days	8.3 days	9.7 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.3 to 1	Down from 28.9 to 1	29.4 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	89.7%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,014	Up 7.6%	\$6,439	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.9%	Down from 64.9%	59.8%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.7%	Down from 66.7%	61.6%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.0%	Down from 100.0%	98.1%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	77.7	N/A	84.2	78.2

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	290	88
Percent satisfied with learning environment	73.7%	66.3%	80.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	73.7%	70.4%	70.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.4%	77.8%	73.9%

\*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

South Aiken High School once again experienced a positive school year in 2011 – 2012 because faculty and staff members, students, parents, and community members worked collaboratively to be successful. South Aiken was recognized by the State Department of Education for achieving Gold status on our State Report Card. South Aiken's absolute rating went from good to Excellent. South Aiken was recognized as the #7 High School in South Carolina by US News and World Report. Serving approximately 1550 students, South Aiken offers a diverse curriculum with an emphasis on preparation for college. About 70% of our graduates pursue some type of post-secondary education. Over 15% of our graduates choose to enter the workforce or the military upon graduation. This year South Aiken offered 15 AP course and won state awards for SAT/ACT averages above the state and national average. South Aiken was also recognized by the state as a Gold Award recipient for Closing the Achievement Gap.

In addition to offerings for the college-bound portion of our student body, South Aiken offers career and technical courses in several areas, including Business, Marketing, Broadcast Journalism, and Culinary Arts. Our local offerings are supplemented by those available to our students through the Aiken County Career and Technology Center. Our graduating class always includes multiple students who attain occupational 'completer status' in addition to their diploma.

Our student body participates actively in athletics and enjoys involvement in community programs. This year our NJROTC Academic team won several state competitions and was the top Navy team at the National CyberPatriot competition. The literary magazine, Calliope, was once again recognized nationally as one of the best literary magazines in the country. The DECA program had several state winners and two students who served as state officers. The FCCLA had two students who won state and went to nationals in culinary arts. The academic team won the Aiken County championship for the second year in a row. Our Serteens club was recognized as the International Club of the Year and the advisor was the International Advisor of the Year. Athletically, SAHS boy's and girl's soccer teams advanced deep into the playoffs, the boy's golf team finished 3rd at the state tournament and boy's tennis played for lower-state. The baseball team advanced to the lower-state finals. It was quite an exciting spring for South Aiken athletics.

The School Improvement Council met during the school year and provided input regarding strategic planning and parental involvement. The Council also coordinated and implemented a school beautification project for the front of the school to include new signage as well as an auditorium upgrade.

Mr. G. Bryan Skipper, Principal  
Mrs. Carolyn Beeler, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status